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334. (Amended) The implement of Claim 328, wherein the shells in said first position are at least partly arranged in spaced apart relationship and in said first position form an interspace therebetween, said interspace being open to at least one end of the implement and forming a slot for material to be processed by said stapler and said puncher, respectively.

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25 351. (Amended) The implement of Claim 327, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided.

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55 467. (Amended) The implement of Claim 327, wherein at least one of the members comprises adjacent channels extending in a longitudinal direction of the member, wherein in one of said channels functional elements of said stapler and said puncher, respectively, are disposed, and wherein in at least one channel said additional tools are disposed.

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530. (New) The implement of Claim 327, wherein the at least one additional tool is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler and the hole die of said puncher, respectively.

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531. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein the first and second members each comprise a hollow outer shell with a circumferential contour defining a respective base surface.

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532. (New) The implement of Claim 531, wherein the circumferential contours of the hollow shells of the first and second members when in the first position face one another.

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533. (New) The implement of Claim 531, wherein the shells in said first position are arranged in substantial mirror symmetry so that the contours of the shells are substantially aligned.

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534. (New) The implement of Claim 531, wherein each shell comprises a pair of substantially plane lateral surfaces extending substantially orthogonally to the base surface, and top and front surfaces having rounded contours.

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535. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein one of said members has an outer contour comprising a flattened section.

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536. (New) The implement of Claim 531, wherein in said first position the two base surfaces are spaced apart.

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537. (New) The implement of Claim 531, wherein the shells in said first position are at least partly arranged in spaced apart relationship and in said first position form an interspace therebetween, said interspace being open to at least one end of the implement and forming a slot for material to be processed by said puncher.

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538. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein one of said first and second members in said first position is received at least partially in the other of said first and second members.

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539. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein one of said members comprises a recess into which at least a part of the other of said members is displaceable.

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540. (New) The implement of Claim 538, wherein, in said first position, respective outer contours of said members are substantially flush.

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541. (New) The implement of Claim 538, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the hole die of said puncher.

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542. (New) The implement of Claim 534, wherein the lateral surfaces of at least one member are depressed relative to the contours of the top and front surfaces.

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543. (New) The implement of Claim 531, wherein at least one of the members comprises a metallic core and a plastic cover cap mounted on said core.

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544. (New) The implement of Claim 543, wherein said at least one core is U-shaped and comprises a U-base and a pair of U-legs, the U-base forming the base surface and the U-legs defining the lateral surfaces of the respective member.

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545. (New) The implement of Claim 534, wherein at least one actuating element is disposed on at least one of the lateral surfaces.

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546. (New) The implement of Claim 545, wherein the at least one actuating element is substantially flush with the contours of a top and end surface of the member provided with the at least one actuating element.

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547. (New) The implement of Claim 531, wherein the members are interconnected adjacent a frontal surface by means of a pivot, the axis of which extends orthogonal to a longitudinal axis and parallel to the base surfaces of said members.

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548. (New) The implement of Claim 547, wherein one of the members comprises a bearing bracket which extends into a hollow space of the other member wherein said pivot is disposed.

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549. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the puncher.

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550. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein said members are spring biased into the second position which is defined by stops.

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551. (New) The implement of Claim 550, wherein the stops are inactivatable.

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552. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided.

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553. (New) The implement of Claim 552, wherein said locking element includes a manually operated actuator.

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554. (New) The implement of Claim 553, wherein said actuator comprises a slider switch.

555. (New) The implement of Claim 553, wherein said actuator is disposed at a top surface of the one of said members including the locking element.

556. (New) The implement of Claim 553, wherein the members are interconnected by a pivot adjacent one end of the members, and wherein said actuator is disposed adjacent the other end of the members.

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557. (New) The implement of Claim 552, wherein the locking element is displaceable parallel to a top surface of the respective member.

558. (New) The implement of Claim 552, wherein said other of said members comprises a bracket, and wherein the bracket comprises the locking receiver.

559. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein at least one of said members is provided with a cavity for receiving said at least one additional tool in its storing position.

560. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein the at least one additional tool is slideably disposed in at least one of the members.

561. (New) The implement of Claim 560, wherein the at least one additional tool comprises a slide-action locking bar which is actuatable from the exterior.

562. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein a plurality of additional tools are disposed parallel to a longitudinal extension of the members.

563. (New) The implement of Claim 560, wherein the at least one member comprises slots at at least one of its end surfaces, said at least one additional tool being slidable through said slots into its working positions.

564. (New) The implement of Claim 560, wherein said at least one additional tool has a guiding shank provided at its rear end with respect to the telescoping direction.

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565. (New) The implement of Claim 564, wherein a longitudinal guide for said guiding shank is provided.

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566. (New) The implement of Claim 565, wherein the guiding shank is provided with a sliding block.

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567. (New) The implement of Claim 560, wherein the at least one additional tool is slidable along one of its top and lateral surfaces of the corresponding member.

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568. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein the at least one additional tool is pivotably connected with the at least one of said members such that it is pivotable out of said member into its working position.

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569. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein at least one removable tool is disposed in at least one of the members and is removable from said member.

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570. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein the at least one additional tool is spring-biased in at least one of its storing and working positions.

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571. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein the at least one additional tool is releasably lockable in at least one of its storing and working positions.

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572. (New) The implement of Claim 571, wherein the at least one additional tool is lockable via a catch.

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573. (New) The implement of Claim 571, further comprising an actuator for unlocking at least one of said additional tools.

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574. (New) The implement of Claim 560, wherein slots are provided for said slide-action locking bars.

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575. (New) The implement of Claim 571, wherein slots are provided for keys for releasably locking said tool.

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576. (New) The implement of Claim 573, wherein the actuator is movable in a slot in one of the top and lateral surfaces of said member taking up said additional tool.

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577. (New) The implement of Claim 573, wherein said actuator is operative to unlock a plurality of said additional tools.

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578. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein said at least one additional tool comprises a tool selected from the group consisting of a scissors, a knife blade, a cutter, a staple remover, a screw driver, an extendable pointer, a magnifier, and a rule.

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579. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein at least one of the members comprises adjacent channels extending in a longitudinal direction of the member, wherein in one of said channels functional elements of said puncher are disposed, and wherein in at least one channel said additional tools are disposed.

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580. (New) The implement of claim 524, wherein said elongated body is substantially closed.

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581. (New) The implement of Claim 524, wherein the at least one additional tool is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the hole die of said puncher.

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582. (New) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:

a first member and a second member, said first and second members being connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

wherein said first and second members comprise at least one of the tools of a group of a stapler and a puncher, said stapler comprising a staple magazine, a staple driver and a staple anvil of a stapler and said puncher comprising a punch, a hole die and a lever, said lever being positioned to actuate the punch;

wherein said first and second members when in the second position form an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by one of the stapler and the puncher as the first and second members are moved relative to each other;

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wherein at least one of said members further comprises at least one additional tool in a storing position from which the at least one additional tool is movable into a working position;

wherein said first and second members have substantially mirror symmetrical outer contours and form a grip for handling said at least one additional tool when in the first position in which said members are substantially aligned.

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583. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein the first and second members each comprise a hollow outer shell with a circumferential contour defining a respective base surface.

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584. (New) The implement of Claim 583, wherein the circumferential contours of the hollow shells of the first and second members when in the first position face one another.

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585. (New) The implement of Claim 583, wherein the shells in said first position are arranged in substantial mirror symmetry so that the contours of the shells are substantially aligned.

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586. (New) The implement of Claim 583, wherein each shell comprises a pair of substantially plane lateral surfaces extending substantially orthogonally to the base surface, and top and front surfaces having rounded contours.

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587. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein one of said members has an outer contour comprising a flattened section.

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588. (New) The implement of Claim 583, wherein in said first position the two base surfaces are spaced apart.

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589. (New) The implement of Claim 583, wherein the shells in said first position are at least partly arranged in spaced apart relationship and in said first position form an interspace therebetween, said interspace being open to at least one end of the implement and forming a slot for material to be processed by said stapler and said puncher, respectively.

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590. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein one of said first and second members in said first position is received at least partially in the other of said first and second members.

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591. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein one of said members comprises a recess into which at least a part of the other of said members is displaceable.

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592. (New) The implement of Claim 590, wherein, in said first position, respective outer contours of said members are substantially flush.

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593. (New) The implement of Claim 590, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler.

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594. (New) The implement of Claim 590, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the hole die of said puncher.

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595. (New) The implement of Claim 586, wherein the lateral surfaces of at least one member are depressed relative to the contours of the top and front surfaces.

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596. (New) The implement of Claim 583, wherein at least one of the members comprises a metallic core and a plastic cover cap mounted on said core.

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597. (New) The implement of Claim 596, wherein said at least one core is U-shaped and comprises a U-base and a pair of U-legs, the U-base forming the base surface and the U-legs defining the lateral surfaces of the respective member.

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598. (New) The implement of Claim 586, wherein at least one actuating element is disposed on at least one of the lateral surfaces.

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599. (New) The implement of Claim 598, wherein the at least one actuating element is substantially flush with the contours of a top and end surface of the member provided with the at least one actuating element.

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600. (New) The implement of Claim 583, wherein the members are interconnected adjacent a frontal surface by means of a pivot, the axis of which extends orthogonal to a longitudinal axis and parallel to the base surfaces of said members.

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601. (New) The implement of Claim 600, wherein one of the members comprises a bearing bracket which extends into a hollow space of the other member wherein said pivot is disposed.

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602. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the stapler.

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603. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the puncher.

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604. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein said members are spring biased into the second position which is defined by stops.

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605. (New) The implement of Claim 604, wherein the stops are inactivatable.

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606. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said locking element includes a manually operated actuator.

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607. (New) The implement of Claim 606, wherein said actuator comprises a slider switch.

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608. (New) The implement of Claim 606, wherein said actuator is disposed at a top surface of the one of said members including the locking element.

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609. (New) The implement of Claim 606, wherein the members are interconnected by a pivot adjacent one end of the members, and wherein said actuator is disposed adjacent the other end of the members.

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610. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is

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provided, and wherein the locking element is displaceable parallel to a top surface of the respective member.

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611. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said other of said members comprises a bracket, and wherein the bracket comprises the locking receiver.

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612. (New) The implement of Claim 582, further comprising means for selectively activating and deactivating the stapler.

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613. (New) The implement of Claim 582, further comprising means for automatically deactivating the stapler after each stapling operation so that when the first and second members are in the first position after said stapling operation the stapler is inactive; and means for manually activating the stapler after deactivation by said deactivating means.

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614. (New) The implement of Claim 582,
wherein one of said members comprises a first activating mechanism for activating said stapler, and a second activating mechanism for releasing said latch; and
wherein the first and second activating mechanisms are manually operable from at least one position external to said one of the members.

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615. (New) The implement of Claim 614, wherein each of said first and second activating mechanisms comprises a manually operated actuator.

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616. (New) The implement of Claim 612, wherein the first activating mechanism is located within an area adjacent to said staple driver.

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617. (New) The implement of Claim 615, wherein said member comprises a top surface, a pair of lateral surfaces and a pair of end surfaces, the actuator for activating said stapler being provided at the end surface adjacent to the staple driver and the actuator for activating said latch being positioned at the top surface.

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618. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein at least one of said members is provided with a cavity for receiving said at least one additional tool in its storing position.

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619. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein the at least one additional tool is slideably disposed in at least one of the members.

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620. (New) The implement of Claim 619, wherein the at least one additional tool comprises a slide-action locking bar which is actuatable from the exterior.

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621. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein a plurality of additional tools are disposed parallel to a longitudinal extension of the members.

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622. (New) The implement of Claim 619, wherein the at least one member comprises slots at at least one of its end surfaces, said at least one additional tool being slideable through said slots into its working positions.

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623. (New) The implement of Claim 619, wherein said at least one additional tool has a guiding shank provided at its rear end with respect to the telescoping direction.

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624. (New) The implement of Claim 623, wherein a longitudinal guide for said guiding shank is provided.

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625. (New) The implement of Claim 624, wherein the guiding shank is provided with a sliding block.

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626. (New) The implement of Claim 619, wherein the at least one additional tool is slideable along one of its top and lateral surfaces of the corresponding member.

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627. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein the at least one additional tool is pivotably connected with the at least one of said members such that it is pivotable out of said member into its working position.

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628. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein at least one removable tool is disposed in at least one of the members and is removable from said member.

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629. (New) The implement of Claim *582*, wherein the at least one additional tool is spring-biased in at least one of its storing and working positions.

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630. (New) The implement of Claim *582*, wherein the at least one additional tool is releasably lockable in at least one of its storing and working positions.

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631. (New) The implement of Claim *630*, wherein the at least one additional tool is lockable via a catch.

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632. (New) The implement of Claim *630*, further comprising an actuator for unlocking at least one of said additional tools.

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d 633. (New) The implement of Claim *619*, wherein slots are provided for said slide-action locking bars.

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634. (New) The implement of Claim *630*, wherein slots are provided for keys for releasably locking said tool.

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635. (New) The implement of Claim *632*, wherein the actuator is movable in a slot in one of the top and lateral surfaces of said member taking up said additional tool.

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636. (New) The implement of Claim *632*, wherein said actuator is operative to unlock a plurality of said additional tools.

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637. (New) The implement of Claim *582*, wherein said at least one additional tool comprises a tool selected from the group consisting of a scissors, a knife blade, a cutter, a staple remover, a screw driver, an extendable pointer, a magnifier, and a rule.

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638. (New) The implement of Claim *582*, wherein at least one of the members comprises adjacent channels extending in a longitudinal direction of the member, wherein in one of said channels functional elements of said stapler and said puncher, respectively, are disposed, and wherein in at least one channel said additional tools are disposed.

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639. (New) The implement of claim 582, wherein said elongated body is substantially closed.

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640. (New) The implement of Claim 582, wherein the at least one additional tool is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler and the hole die of said puncher, respectively.

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641. (New) The implement of Claim 582, comprising means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position.

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642. (New) The implement of Claim 641, wherein said means comprises a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member.

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643. (New) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:

a first member and a second member, said first and second members being connected together to move about an axis between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

wherein said first and second members comprise at least one of the tools of a group of a stapler and a puncher, said stapler comprising a staple magazine, a staple driver and a staple anvil of a stapler and said puncher comprising a punch, a hole die and a lever, said lever being positioned to actuate the punch;

wherein said first and second members when in the second position form an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by one of the stapler and the puncher as the first and second members are moved relative to each other;

wherein at least one of said members further comprises at least one additional bladelike tool in a storing position from which it is movable into a working position, said at least one additional tool having a broadside lying within a radial plane of said axis;

wherein said first and second members in the first position form a grip for handling said at least one additional bladelike tool in its working position.

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644. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein the first and second members each comprise a hollow outer shell with a circumferential contour defining a respective base surface.

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645. (New) The implement of Claim 644, wherein the circumferential contours of the hollow shells of the first and second members when in the first position face one another.

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646. (New) The implement of Claim 644, wherein the shells in said first position are arranged in substantial mirror symmetry so that the contours of the shells are substantially aligned.

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647. (New) The implement of Claim 644, wherein each shell comprises a pair of substantially plane lateral surfaces extending substantially orthogonally to the base surface, and top and front surfaces having rounded contours.

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648. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein one of said members has an outer contour comprising a flattened section.

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649. (New) The implement of Claim 644, wherein in said first position the two base surfaces are spaced apart.

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650. (New) The implement of Claim 644, wherein the shells in said first position are at least partly arranged in spaced apart relationship and in said first position form an interspace therebetween, said interspace being open to at least one end of the implement and forming a slot for material to be processed by said stapler and said puncher, respectively.

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651. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein one of said first and second members in said first position is received at least partially in the other of said first and second members.

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652. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein one of said members comprises a recess into which at least a part of the other of said members is displaceable.

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653. (New) The implement of Claim 651, wherein, in said first position, respective outer contours of said members are substantially flush.

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654. (New) The implement of Claim 651, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler.

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655. (New) The implement of Claim 651, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the hole die of said puncher.

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656. (New) The implement of Claim 647, wherein the lateral surfaces of at least one member are depressed relative to the contours of the top and front surfaces.

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657. (New) The implement of Claim 644, wherein at least one of the members comprises a metallic core and a plastic cover cap mounted on said core.

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658. (New) The implement of Claim 657, wherein said at least one core is U-shaped and comprises a U-base and a pair of U-legs, the U-base forming the base surface and the U-legs defining the lateral surfaces of the respective member.

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659. (New) The implement of Claim 647, wherein at least one actuating element is disposed on at least one of the lateral surfaces.

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660. (New) The implement of Claim 659, wherein the at least one actuating element is substantially flush with the contours of a top and end surface of the member provided with the at least one actuating element.

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661. (New) The implement of Claim 644, wherein the members are interconnected adjacent a frontal surface by means of a pivot, the axis of which extends orthogonal to a longitudinal axis and parallel to the base surfaces of said members.

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662. (New) The implement of Claim 661, wherein one of the members comprises a bearing bracket which extends into a hollow space of the other member wherein said pivot is disposed.

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663. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the stapler.

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664. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the puncher.

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665. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein said members are spring biased into the second position which is defined by stops.

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666. (New) The implement of Claim 665, wherein the stops are inactivatable.

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667. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said locking element includes a manually operated actuator.

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668. (New) The implement of Claim 667, wherein said actuator comprises a slider switch.

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669. (New) The implement of Claim 667, wherein said actuator is disposed at a top surface of the one of said members including the locking element.

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670. (New) The implement of Claim 667, wherein the members are interconnected by a pivot adjacent one end of the members, and wherein said actuator is disposed adjacent the other end of the members.

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671. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein the locking element is displaceable parallel to a top surface of the respective member.

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672. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said other of said members comprises a bracket, and wherein the bracket comprises the locking receiver.

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673. (New) The implement of Claim 643, further comprising means for selectively activating and deactivating the stapler.

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674. (New) The implement of Claim 643, further comprising means for automatically deactivating the stapler after each stapling operation so that when the first and second members are in the first position after said stapling operation the stapler is inactive; and means for manually activating the stapler after deactivation by said deactivating means.

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675. (New) The implement of Claim 643,

wherein one of said members comprises a first activating mechanism for activating said stapler, and a second activating mechanism for releasing said latch; and wherein the first and second activating mechanisms are manually operable from at least one position external to said one of the members.

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676. (New) The implement of Claim 675, wherein each of said first and second activating mechanisms comprises a manually operated actuator.

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677. (New) The implement of Claim 673, wherein the first activating mechanism is located within an area adjacent to said staple driver.

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678. (New) The implement of Claim 676, wherein said member comprises a top surface, a pair of lateral surfaces and a pair of end surfaces, the actuator for activating said stapler being provided at the end surface adjacent to the staple driver and the actuator for activating said latch being positioned at the top surface.

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679. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein at least one of said members is provided with a cavity for receiving said at least one additional tool in its storing position.

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680. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein the at least one additional tool is slideably disposed in at least one of the members.

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681. (New) The implement of Claim 680, wherein the at least one additional tool comprises a slide-action locking bar which is actuatable from the exterior.

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682. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein a plurality of additional tools are disposed parallel to a longitudinal extension of the members.

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683. (New) The implement of Claim 680, wherein the at least one member comprises slots at at least one of its end surfaces, said at least one additional tool being slidable through said slots into its working positions.

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684. (New) The implement of Claim 680, wherein said at least one additional tool has a guiding shank provided at its rear end with respect to the telescoping direction.

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685. (New) The implement of Claim 684, wherein a longitudinal guide for said guiding shank is provided.

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686. (New) The implement of Claim 685, wherein the guiding shank is provided with a sliding block.

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687. (New) The implement of Claim 680, wherein the at least one additional tool is slidable along one of its top and lateral surfaces of the corresponding member.

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688. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein the at least one additional tool is pivotably connected with the at least one of said members such that it is pivotable out of said member into its working position.

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689. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein at least one removable tool is disposed in at least one of the members and is removable from said member.

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690. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein the at least one additional tool is spring-biased in at least one of its storing and working positions.

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691. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein the at least one additional tool is releasably lockable in at least one of its storing and working positions.

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692. (New) The implement of Claim 691, wherein the at least one additional tool is lockable via a catch.

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693. (New) The implement of Claim 691, further comprising an actuator for unlocking at least one of said additional tools.

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694. (New) The implement of Claim 680, wherein slots are provided for said slide-action locking bars.

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695. (New) The implement of Claim 691, wherein slots are provided for keys for releasably locking said tool.

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696. (New) The implement of Claim 693, wherein the actuator is movable in a slot in one of the top and lateral surfaces of said member taking up said additional tool.

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697. (New) The implement of Claim 693, wherein said actuator is operative to unlock a plurality of said additional tools.

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698. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein said at least one additional bladelike tool comprises a tool selected from the group consisting of a scissors, a knife, a cutter, a staple remover, a screw driver, a magnifier, and a rule.

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699. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein at least one of the members comprises adjacent channels extending in a longitudinal direction of the member, wherein in one of said channels functional elements of said stapler and said puncher, respectively, are disposed, and wherein in at least one channel said additional tools are disposed.

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700. (New) The implement of claim 643, wherein said elongated body is substantially closed.

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701. (New) The implement of Claim 643, wherein the at least one additional tool is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler and the hole die of said puncher, respectively.

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702. (New) The implement of Claim 643, comprising means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position.

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703. (New) The implement of Claim 702, wherein said means comprises a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member.

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704. (New) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:

a first member and a second member, said first and second members being connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

wherein said first and second members comprise at least one of the tools of a group of a stapler and a puncher, said stapler comprising a staple magazine, a staple driver and a staple anvil of a stapler and said puncher comprising a punch, a hole die and a lever, said lever being positioned to actuate the punch;

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wherein said first and second members when in the second position form an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by one of the stapler and the puncher as the first and second members are moved relative to each other;

wherein at least one of said members further comprises at least two additional tools in a storing position in a substantially parallel manner in longitudinal direction of the body from which storing position the additional tools are movable into a working position by the same kind of motion; and

wherein said first and second members in the first position form a grip for handling all of the additional tools in their working position.

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705. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein the first and second members each comprise a hollow outer shell with a circumferential contour defining a respective base surface.

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706. (New) The implement of Claim 705, wherein the circumferential contours of the hollow shells of the first and second members when in the first position face one another.

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707. (New) The implement of Claim 705, wherein the shells in said first position are arranged in substantial mirror symmetry so that the contours of the shells are substantially aligned.

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708. (New) The implement of Claim 705, wherein each shell comprises a pair of substantially plane lateral surfaces extending substantially orthogonally to the base surface, and top and front surfaces having rounded contours.

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709. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein one of said members has an outer contour comprising a flattened section.

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710. (New) The implement of Claim 705, wherein in said first position the two base surfaces are spaced apart.

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711. (New) The implement of Claim 705, wherein the shells in said first position are at least partly arranged in spaced apart relationship and in said first position form an interspace therebetween, said interspace being open to at least one end of the implement and forming a slot for material to be processed by said stapler and said puncher, respectively.

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712. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein one of said first and second members in said first position is received at least partially in the other of said first and second members.

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713. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein one of said members comprises a recess into which at least a part of the other of said members is displaceable.

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714. (New) The implement of Claim 712, wherein, in said first position, respective outer contours of said members are substantially flush.

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715. (New) The implement of Claim 712, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler.

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716. (New) The implement of Claim 712, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the hole die of said puncher.

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717. (New) The implement of Claim 708, wherein the lateral surfaces of at least one member are depressed relative to the contours of the top and front surfaces.

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718. (New) The implement of Claim 705, wherein at least one of the members comprises a metallic core and a plastic cover cap mounted on said core.

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719. (New) The implement of Claim 718, wherein said at least one core is U-shaped and comprises a U-base and a pair of U-legs, the U-base forming the base surface and the U-legs defining the lateral surfaces of the respective member.

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720. (New) The implement of Claim 708, wherein at least one actuating element is disposed on at least one of the lateral surfaces.

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721. (New) The implement of Claim 720, wherein the at least one actuating element is substantially flush with the contours of a top and end surface of the member provided with the at least one actuating element.

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722. (New) The implement of Claim 705, wherein the members are interconnected adjacent a frontal surface by means of a pivot, the axis of which extends orthogonal to a longitudinal axis and parallel to the base surfaces of said members.

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723. (New) The implement of Claim 722, wherein one of the members comprises a bearing bracket which extends into a hollow space of the other member wherein said pivot is disposed.

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724. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the stapler.

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725. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the puncher.

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726. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein said members are spring biased into the second position which is defined by stops.

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727. (New) The implement of Claim 726, wherein the stops are inactivatable.

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728. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said locking element includes a manually operated actuator.

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729. (New) The implement of Claim 728, wherein said actuator comprises a slider switch.

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730. (New) The implement of Claim 728, wherein said actuator is disposed at a top surface of the one of said members including the locking element.

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731. (New) The implement of Claim 728, wherein the members are interconnected by a pivot adjacent one end of the members, and wherein said actuator is disposed adjacent the other end of the members.

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732. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein the locking element is displaceable parallel to a top surface of the respective member.

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733. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said other of said members comprises a bracket, and wherein the bracket comprises the locking receiver.

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734. (New) The implement of Claim 704, further comprising means for selectively activating and deactivating the stapler.

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735. (New) The implement of Claim 704, further comprising means for automatically deactivating the stapler after each stapling operation so that when the first and second members are in the first position after said stapling operation the stapler is inactive; and

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means for manually activating the stapler after deactivation by said deactivating means.

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736. (New) The implement of Claim 704,
wherein one of said members comprises a first activating mechanism for activating said stapler, and a second activating mechanism for releasing said latch; and
wherein the first and second activating mechanisms are manually operable from at least one position external to said one of the members.

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737. (New) The implement of Claim 736, wherein each of said first and second activating mechanisms comprises a manually operated actuator.

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738. (New) The implement of Claim 734, wherein the first activating mechanism is located within an area adjacent to said staple driver.

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739. (New) The implement of Claim 737, wherein said member comprises a top surface, a pair of lateral surfaces and a pair of end surfaces, the actuator for activating said stapler being provided at the end surface adjacent to the staple driver and the actuator for activating said latch being positioned at the top surface.

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740. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein at least one of said members is provided with a cavity for receiving said at least one additional tool in its storing position.

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741. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein the at least one additional tool is slideably disposed in at least one of the members.

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742. (New) The implement of Claim 741, wherein the at least one additional tool comprises a slide-action locking bar which is actuatable from the exterior.

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743. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein a plurality of additional tools are disposed parallel to a longitudinal extension of the members.

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744. (New) The implement of Claim 741, wherein the at least one member comprises slots at at least one of its end surfaces, said at least one additional tool being slidable through said slots into its working positions.

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745. (New) The implement of Claim *741*, wherein said at least one additional tool has a guiding shank provided at its rear end with respect to the telescoping direction.

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746. (New) The implement of Claim *745*, wherein a longitudinal guide for said guiding shank is provided.

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747. (New) The implement of Claim *746*, wherein the guiding shank is provided with a sliding block.

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748. (New) The implement of Claim *741*, wherein the at least one additional tool is slideable along one of its top and lateral surfaces of the corresponding member.

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749. (New) The implement of Claim *704*, wherein the at least one additional tool is pivotably connected with the at least one of said members such that it is pivotable out of said member into its working position.

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750. (New) The implement of Claim *704*, wherein at least one removable tool is disposed in at least one of the members and is removable from said member.

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751. (New) The implement of Claim *704*, wherein the at least one additional tool is spring-biased in at least one of its storing and working positions.

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752. (New) The implement of Claim *704*, wherein the at least one additional tool is releasably lockable in at least one of its storing and working positions.

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753. (New) The implement of Claim *752*, wherein the at least one additional tool is lockable via a catch.

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754. (New) The implement of Claim *752*, further comprising an actuator for unlocking at least one of said additional tools.

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755. (New) The implement of Claim *741*, wherein slots are provided for said slide-action locking bars.

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756. (New) The implement of Claim *752*, wherein slots are provided for keys for releasably locking said tool.

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757. (New) The implement of Claim 754, wherein the actuator is movable in a slot in one of the top and lateral surfaces of said member taking up said additional tool.

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758. (New) The implement of Claim 754, wherein said actuator is operative to unlock a plurality of said additional tools.

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759. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein said at least one additional tool comprises a tool selected from the group consisting of a scissors, a knife blade, a cutter, a staple remover, a screw driver, an extendable pointer, a magnifier, and a rule.

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760. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein at least one of the members comprises adjacent channels extending in a longitudinal direction of the member, wherein in one of said channels functional elements of said stapler and said puncher, respectively, are disposed and wherein in at least one channel said additional tools are disposed.

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761. (New) The implement of claim 704, wherein said elongated body is substantially closed.

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762. (New) The implement of Claim 704, wherein the at least one additional tool is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler and the hole die of said puncher, respectively.

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763. (New) The implement of Claim 704, comprising means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position.

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764. (New) The implement of Claim 763, wherein said means comprises a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member.

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765. (New) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:

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a first and a second member, said first and second members being connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

wherein said first and second members comprise at least one of the tools of a group consisting of a stapler and a puncher, said stapler comprising a staple magazine, a staple driver and a staple anvil of a stapler and said puncher comprising a punch, a hole die and a lever, said lever being positioned to actuate the punch;

wherein said first and second members when in the second position form an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by one of the stapler and the puncher as the first and the second members are moved relative to each other;

wherein at least one of said members further comprises at least one additional tool in a storing position from which the at least one additional tool is movable into a working position; and

C4 wherein the member comprising the at least one additional tool comprises a hollow outer shell taking up the at least one additional tool in its storing position.

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766. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the first and second members each comprise a hollow outer shell with a circumferential contour defining a respective base surface.

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767. (New) The implement of Claim 766, wherein the circumferential contours of the hollow shells of the first and second members when in the first position face one another.

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768. (New) The implement of Claim 766, wherein the shells in said first position are arranged in substantial mirror symmetry so that the contours of the shells are substantially aligned.

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769. (New) The implement of Claim 766, wherein each shell comprises a pair of substantially plane lateral surfaces extending substantially orthogonally to the base surface, and top and front surfaces having rounded contours.

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770. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein one of said members has an outer contour comprising a flattened section.

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771. (New) The implement of Claim 766, wherein in said first position the two base surfaces are spaced apart.

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772. (New) The implement of Claim 766, wherein the shells in said first position are at least partly arranged in spaced apart relationship and in said first position form an interspace therebetween, said interspace being open to at least one end of the implement and forming a slot for material to be processed by said stapler and said puncher, respectively.

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773. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein one of said first and second members in said first position is received at least partially in the other of said first and second members.

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774. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein one of said members comprises a recess into which at least a part of the other of said members is displaceable.

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775. (New) The implement of Claim 773, wherein, in said first position, respective outer contours of said members are substantially flush.

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776. (New) The implement of Claim 773, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler.

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777. (New) The implement of Claim 773, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the hole die of said puncher.

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778. (New) The implement of Claim 769, wherein the lateral surfaces of at least one member are depressed relative to the contours of the top and front surfaces.

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779. (New) The implement of Claim 766, wherein at least one of the members comprises a metallic core and a plastic cover cap mounted on said core.

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780. (New) The implement of Claim 779, wherein said at least one core is U-shaped and comprises a U-base and a pair of U-legs, the U-base forming the base surface and the U-legs defining the lateral surfaces of the respective member.

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781. (New) The implement of Claim 769, wherein at least one actuating element is disposed on at least one of the lateral surfaces.

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782. (New) The implement of Claim 781, wherein the at least one actuating element is substantially flush with the contours of a top and end surface of the member provided with the at least one actuating element.

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783. (New) The implement of Claim 766, wherein the members are interconnected adjacent a frontal surface by means of a pivot, the axis of which extends orthogonal to a longitudinal axis and parallel to the base surfaces of said members.

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784. (New) The implement of Claim 783, wherein one of the members comprises a bearing bracket which extends into a hollow space of the other member wherein said pivot is disposed.

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785. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the stapler.

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786. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the puncher.

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787. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein said members are spring biased into the second position which is defined by stops.

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788. (New) The implement of Claim 787, wherein the stops are inactivatable.

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789. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said locking element includes a manually operated actuator.

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790. (New) The implement of Claim 789, wherein said actuator comprises a slider switch.

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791. (New) The implement of Claim 789, wherein said actuator is disposed at a top surface of the one of said members including the locking element.

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792. (New) The implement of Claim 789, wherein the members are interconnected by a pivot adjacent one end of the members, and wherein said actuator is disposed adjacent the other end of the members.

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793. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein the locking element is displaceable parallel to a top surface of the respective member.

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794. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said other of said members comprises a bracket, and wherein the bracket comprises the locking receiver.

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795. (New) The implement of Claim 765, further comprising means for selectively activating and deactivating the stapler.

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796. (New) The implement of Claim 765, further comprising means for automatically deactivating the stapler after each stapling operation so that when the first and second members are in the first position after said stapling operation the stapler is inactive; and means for manually activating the stapler after deactivation by said deactivating means.

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797. (New) The implement of Claim 765,

wherein one of said members comprises a first activating mechanism for activating said stapler, and a second activating mechanism for releasing said latch; and wherein the first and second activating mechanisms are manually operable from at least one position external to said one of the members.

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798. (New) The implement of Claim 797, wherein each of said first and second activating mechanisms comprises a manually operated actuator.

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799. (New) The implement of Claim 795, wherein the first activating mechanism is located within an area adjacent to said staple driver.

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800. (New) The implement of Claim 798, wherein said member comprises a top surface, a pair of lateral surfaces and a pair of end surfaces, the actuator for activating said stapler being provided at the end surface adjacent to the staple driver and the actuator for activating said latch being positioned at the top surface.

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801. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein at least one of said members is provided with a cavity for receiving said at least one additional tool in its storing position.

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802. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the at least one additional tool is slideably disposed in at least one of the members.

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803. (New) The implement of Claim 802, wherein the at least one additional tool comprises a slide-action locking bar which is actuatable from the exterior.

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804. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein a plurality of additional tools are disposed parallel to a longitudinal extension of the members.

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805. (New) The implement of Claim 802, wherein the at least one member comprises slots at at least one of its end surfaces, said at least one additional tool being slidable through said slots into its working positions.

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806. (New) The implement of Claim 802, wherein said at least one additional tool has a guiding shank provided at its rear end with respect to the telescoping direction.

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807. (New) The implement of Claim 806, wherein a longitudinal guide for said guiding shank is provided.

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808. (New) The implement of Claim 807, wherein the guiding shank is provided with a sliding block.

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809. (New) The implement of Claim 802, wherein the at least one additional tool is slidable along one of its top and lateral surfaces of the corresponding member.

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810. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the at least one additional tool is pivotably connected with the at least one of said members such that it is pivotable out of said member into its working position.

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811. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein at least one removable tool is disposed in at least one of the members and is removable from said member.

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812. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the at least one additional tool is spring-biased in at least one of its storing and working positions.

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813. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the at least one additional tool is releasably lockable in at least one of its storing and working positions.

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814. (New) The implement of Claim 813, wherein the at least one additional tool is lockable via a catch.

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815. (New) The implement of Claim 813, further comprising an actuator for unlocking at least one of said additional tools.

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816. (New) The implement of Claim 802, wherein slots are provided for said slide-action locking bars.

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817. (New) The implement of Claim 813, wherein slots are provided for keys for releasably locking said tool.

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818. (New) The implement of Claim 815, wherein the actuator is movable in a slot in one of the top and lateral surfaces of said member taking up said additional tool.

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819. (New) The implement of Claim 815, wherein said actuator is operative to unlock a plurality of said additional tools.

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820. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein said at least one additional tool comprises a tool selected from the group consisting of a scissors, a knife blade, a cutter, a staple remover, a screw driver, an extendable pointer, a magnifier, and a rule.

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821. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein at least one of the members comprises adjacent channels extending in a longitudinal direction of the member, wherein in one of said channels functional elements of said stapler and said puncher, respectively, are disposed, and wherein in at least one channel said additional tools are disposed.

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822. (New) The implement of claim 765, wherein said elongated body is substantially closed.

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823. (New) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the at least one additional tool is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler and the hole die of said puncher, respectively.

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824. (New) The implement of Claim 765, comprising means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position.

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825. (New) The implement of Claim 824, wherein said means comprises a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member.